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Proposed Activities and Timeline -

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS)

Environmental Review Process to Consider Marine Reserves

1999-2001

Channel Islands Marine Reserves Community Based Process – Joint Partnership between the State of Calif. and NOAA to consider marine reserves in CINMS

2001 – 2002

Fish and Game Commission and Department of Fish and Game conduct State Environmental Review Process and Record a Decision

April 2003

Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas implemented in State waters of the CINMS

2003

National Marine Sanctuary Program/CINMS Federal Environmental Review Process

- Sanctuary prepared Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).
- Briefed Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) on Sanctuary initiation of Environmental Review Process.
- Briefed Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) on Sanctuary initiation of Environmental Review Process.
- Sanctuary submits letter to PFMC describing Environmental Review Process for discussion at April PFMC meeting.
- Sanctuary released Notice of Intent to prepare DEIS in Federal Register.
- Sanctuary hosted public scoping meetings in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.
- Sanctuary briefed PFMC, State of CA, and SAC on progress.
- Sanctuary drafted *Preliminary Working Draft Environmental Document*.

2004

- Sanctuary released to the public a preliminary draft environmental impact statement (i.e. purpose and need statement, preliminary alternatives, affected environment and preliminary analysis) at the May SAC and June PFMC meetings. Coordinate with the SAC and working groups, PFMC and advisory bodies for review.
- PFMC, SAC and public reviewed preliminary document and submitted comments to Sanctuary.

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2005

- Sanctuary notified PFMC, NOAA Fisheries, State of California and other entities regarding a potential change to the terms of designation of the Sanctuary (60 day response period).
- Sanctuary notified PFMC of opportunity to prepare draft National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) fishing regulations for the Exclusive Economic Zone portion of the Sanctuary (NMSA regulations allow for 120 days for PFMC response).
- PFMC considered preparing draft NMSA fishing regulations and choose not to prepare draft NMSA regulations. PFMC proposed fishing regulations under the Magnuson Stevens Act.

2006

- Sanctuary releases to the public and Congress the DEIS, proposed regulations and related proposed change to the terms of designation.
- Public review of the DEIS, proposed regulations and related proposed change to the terms of designation. This will include an opportunity for public comment of at least 45 days and must include at least one public hearing if the rulemaking necessitates a change in a term of designation.
- Sanctuary prepares responses to comments
- Sanctuary drafts Final EIS, and if necessary for chosen action, draft final regulations and revises terms of designation

2007

- Sanctuary releases the Final EIS by publishing a notice of availability in the Federal Register and by providing copies to interested parties.

After a 30-day “cooling off” period, the final regulations appear in the Federal Register and the Sanctuary sends the final regulations and revised terms of designation to Congress and to the governor’s office, if State waters are involved. The final regulations will take effect after the close of a review period of 45 days of continuous session of Congress. If State waters are involved, and the governor certifies that the change in terms of designation (and therefore the final regulations or portions thereof) is unacceptable, the affected final regulations will not take effect in State waters.